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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	SUMIKAWA, et al.	Conf.:	2465
Appl. No.:	09/782,180	Group:	2814
Filed:	February 14, 2001	Examiner:	D. NGUYEN
For:	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2002. This Reply is limited to a Request for Reconsideration of the Final Rejection. The Final Office Action replaces the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2002, which now stands withdrawn.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are pending.

Claim 1 is an independent claim from which claims 2-4 depend, either directly, or through intervening claims.